



Second Regular Session 117th General Assembly (2012)

## SENATE RESOLUTION

## MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating Jerry Thacker, 2012 Indiana Superintendent of the Year.

Whereas, Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation superintendent Dr. Jerry Thacker has been named Indiana's 2012 Superintendent of the Year by the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents;

Whereas, Dr. Jerry Thacker was selected from seven District Superintendents of the Year in recognition of Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation's many accomplishments under his exemplary leadership;

Whereas, During the 2009-2010 school year, every elementary and middle school in Dr. Thacker's district achieved Adequate Yearly Progress, five of the schools were 4-Star schools, and Penn High School was named one of 25 exemplary AP schools in Indiana. The district is among the top 5 percent in the state for SAT and AP scores;

Whereas, Dr. Thacker's innovative direction led to his district's creative use of available resources to boost



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instructional programs, and to save millions of dollars on energy costs and property, casualty, and health insurance;

Whereas, Dr. Thacker has served on the board of directors for the Project Future Economic Development Group for St. Joseph County, and as a Commissioner for the St. Joseph County Area Plan Commission;

Whereas, Dr. Thacker has worked in Educational Administration for twenty-one years, in positions ranging from administrator in the Metropolitan School Corporation of Lawrence Township and superintendent of Logansport Community School Corporation, to his current position of superintendent of Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation, one of the best high schools in the nation, according to U.S. News and World Report; and

Whereas, Dr. Jerry Thacker's innovation and dedication to academic excellence and growth has earned him the much-deserved title of 2012 Indiana Superintendent of the Year: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Indiana Senate recognizes Dr. Jerry Thacker on 2 being named 2012 Indiana Superintendent of the Year.
- 3 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 4 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Dr. Jerry Thacker and to the
- 5 chairman of the Penn-Harris-Madison school board.

